

ILLEGAL ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY BY NAZI GERMANY

since March 1939

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ANNEXATION	PRIOR STATUS	AREA SQ. K.M.	POPULATION	ORGANIZATION	
1	MEMEL	Lithuanian	2,557	154,700	22 March 1939. Ceded by treaty in violation of Versailles. Incorporated in Regierungsbezirk Gumbinnen, East Prussia.
2	DANZIG	Free City	1,803	390,400	1 Sept. 1939. Declares self part of Reich in violation of Versailles. Incorporated in new Gau Danzig-Westpreussen.
3	INCORPORATED EASTERN TERRITORY	Polish	91,975	10,043,000	24 Oct. 1939. Incorporated by decree after Polish capitulation.
	SUWALKI		2,861	114,400	Incorporated in Regierungsbezirk Gumbinnen, East Prussia, as Landkreis Sudauen.
	CIECHANOW		13,405	879,100	Organized as new Regierungsbezirk Zichenau, in East Prussia. Area of Dzialdowo (1931 pop. 24,800 pop.) incorporated in Regierungsbezirk Allenstein.
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5	POLISH CORRIDOR		21,237	1,594,800	Included with Danzig and sections of East Prussia into new Gau Danzig-Westpreussen.
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7	POZNAN (Posen)		43,905	4,493,700	Organized as new Gau Wartheland.
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9	POLISH SILESIA		10,587	2,798,400	Incorporated in Prussian Silesia, creating new Regierungsbezirk Kattowitz.
10	EUPEN-MALMEDY (including Moresnet)	Belgian	1,090	54,900	18 May 1940. Incorporated in Gau Köln-Aachen, in violation of Versailles. Later included territory not German in 1944.
11	LUXEMBOURG	Independent State	2,585	296,900	Summer 1940. Not formally incorporated in Reich but virtually annexed. Administered by Gauleiter of Moselland, Simon, in Koblenz.
12	ALSACE	French	8,300	1,219,400	Summer 1940. Not formally incorporated but virtually annexed in violation of 1918 armistice. Administered by Wagner, Gauleiter and Reichsstatthalter of Baden, from Strasbourg.
13	LORRAINE	French	8,229	896,200	Summer 1940. Not formally incorporated but virtually annexed, in violation of 1918 armistice. Administered by Bürckel, Gauleiter and Reichsstatthalter of Westmark, from Saarbrücken.
14	LOWER STYRIA and UPPER CARNIOLA	Yugoslav	9,820	775,000	14 April 1941. No formal decree of annexation but virtually annexed by establishment of German civil administration. Lower Styria administered by Gauleiter of Styria (Stalder), Obersteirer, but Dravograd district incorporated in Gau Carinthia. Upper Carniola (Oberkrain) administered by Gauleiter of Carinthia (Kranz), Rainer.
15	BIALYSTOK	Annexed by USSR in 1939. Previously Polish.	31,140	1,500,000	1 Aug. 1941. No formal decree of annexation published, but organized as Bezirk under administration of Provincial President of East Prussia, Erich Koch. From April 1942 he acted as Civil Administrator directly for the Reich.
16	CISALPINE TERRITORY	Italian	17,276	888,400	Sept/Oct. 1943. No formal decree of annexation, but provinces of Bolzano, Trentino, and Belluno combined into new unit called Alpenvorland under a high commissioner, Franz Hofer, Gauleiter of Tirol und Vorarlberg, in Innsbruck.
17	ADRIATIC LITTORAL	Italian province and Italian-annexed Yugoslav territory	14,000 (app.)	1,300,000 (app.)	Sept/Oct. 1943. No formal annexation, but Italian provinces of Udine, Gorizia, Trieste, Pola, and Fiume, as well as Italian-annexed areas around Ljubljana and Susek, and island of Krk, formed into new German region of Adriatisches Küstenland administered by Rainer, Gauleiter of Carinthia.